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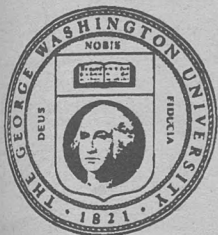
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GW responds to water advisory

by Jennifer Batog and
Elissa Leibowitz
Hatchet Staff Writers

GW is prepared for the water contamination advisory issued by the Environmental Protection Agency Wednesday afternoon, University officials said.

The EPA issued the water emergency around 4 p.m. Wednesday after initial tests showed high levels of turbidity, which suggests a foreign substance in the water, said Richard Levinson, a D.C. Health Commission administrator. The alert affects residents of the District and of Arlington, Alexandria, Falls Church and parts of Fairfax County in Virginia.

Levinson said residents should boil "any water that is to be ingested" for at least one minute. D.C. Public Health Commissioner Mohammed Akhter said this is not an emergency, but "an inconvenience."

Bathing is OK, Levinson said, but District residents should also use boiled water to brush their teeth.

University Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman said GW has made arrangements for bottled water distribution to all residence halls. ServiceMas-

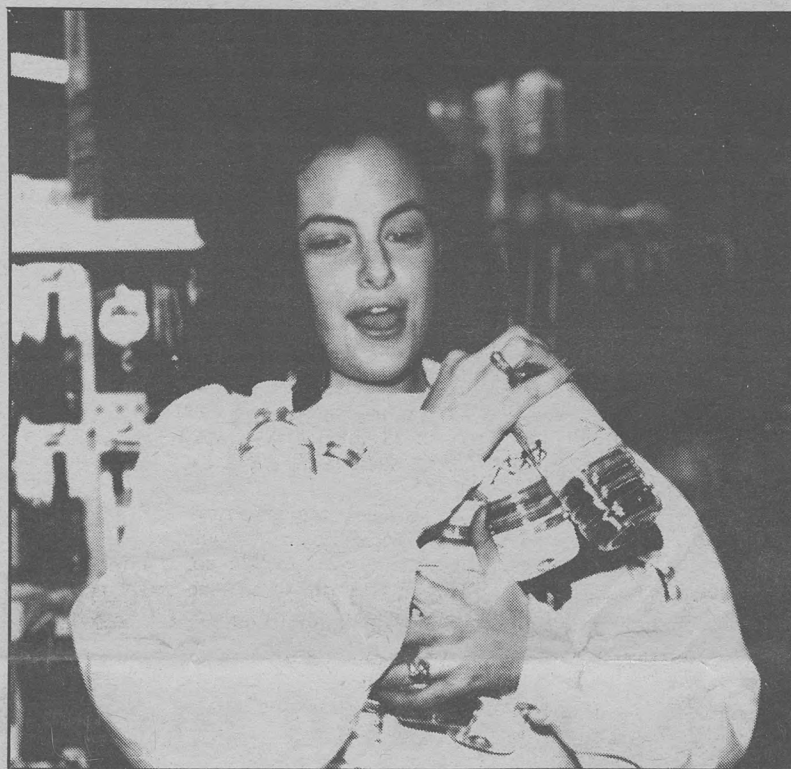


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RACHEL NARVA STOCKS UP on water at the MC store Wednesday. Students swamped the store to buy bottled water following the EPA advisory.

ter is making separate arrangements to order more bottled water and other beverages for dining services, and the GW Medical Center has already received more than 2,000 gallons of bottled water, officials said.

Freedman said GW has placed orders for 6,150 gallons of water to be delivered to the residence halls every 48 hours during the advisory.

He said at least 25 percent of the first order was delivered Wednesday night to

Thurston and Adams halls, since residents there do not have kitchens and cannot boil their water. Sheila Curtin, director of the Office of Residential Life, said every hall's resident will receive 2 gallons of bottled water.

The advisory affects more than 2,800 hall residents, who were notified Wednesday night by hall staff, Freedman said. "Everyone's kicked into gear

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SA Senate approves final ticket proposal

Game plan meets Chernak's requirements

by Donna Brutkoski
Hatchet Staff Writer

The Student Association Senate passed a final men's basketball ticket policy late Wednesday night. Robert Chernak, vice president for student and academic support services, presented the plan, a compromise from the SA's original plan.

Chernak said last week that the SA's original policy needed changes before it could be implemented. Chernak's new plan calls for 1,700 free seats on the north side of the Smith Center (behind the players' bench) to be available to GW students.

That number, however, includes the seats set aside for the Dog Pound and the GW Pep Band, changes which are different from the original plan.

"The band and the Dog Pound don't pay for tickets, so they are included in the number of free seats," Chernak said.

The policy also designates 792 seats on the east and west sides of the Smith Center (behind the hoops) for general admission. Those seats will cost \$5 for GW students and spectators under 17, and \$12 for the general public and spectators over 17.

The original plan had designated only 300 seats specifically for student purchase, but the new plan would allow all the reserved seats to be bought at the student rate on a first-come, first-served basis.

Some SA senators said the compromise would take away from the number of free seats available to students. But Chernak explained that demand for tickets has grown.

"We've always guaranteed 1,700 free seats to students," Chernak said, "but, in past years, we actually gave students more than that, because there wasn't the demand for tickets that we have now."

The number of guaranteed free student seats has not changed, Chernak said. "It's not that the students are losing seats, it's that people are buying the seats that weren't in demand before, and therefore were available for students to sit in free."

"For the games when there is a lot of demand for tickets, we are going to have to work out solutions," Chernak said. "Success does breed problems."

SA President Scott Adams said he was pleased with the compromise. "We actually now have more general admission seats available at the student rate. This compromise gives the students everything we asked for, and I'm very happy about that."

Chernak criticized SA leadership earlier this week when a previous plan failed to meet requirements he said he had laid out. The administration had turned the ticket policy over to the SA last month.

Director explains council's goals

Some area students say group's name, purpose were misleading

by Elissa Leibowitz
Managing Editor

GW freshman Juan Tenze needed money.

As a citizen of El Salvador, Tenze cannot work in the United States. But he said he still needed money to help finance his GW education.

So when the 19-year-old was handed a flier advertising the United Nations Student Council, he thought all his financial woes were over. He met with the council's director, learned how the council could help him succeed financially in the United States and signed up.

But Tenze said the UNSC's director misled him about the organization's mission. Tenze said he didn't realize this, however, until after he paid the nonrefundable \$100 application and \$350 membership fees.

Tenze said he didn't feel comfortable after signing up. When he went back the same day, the council denied his request for a refund.

"I was in need of money, so I wanted to feel more independent," Tenze said. "But things didn't turn out the way they looked."

'Unity concept'

The UNSC is a company designed to help international

students fine-tune their leadership skills, according to its founder, John Bisong.

"We are just a leadership organization that gives students the opportunity to apply the knowledge that they acquire at school . . . and at the same time, they are serving the council in some form," Bisong said.

He calls himself "Sir John," a title he said he received in his native Cameroon. That country, however, does not use "Sir" as a formal title, according to Cameroon Embassy spokesman Ignatius Nkwenti.

Bisong said the organization is based on his "unity concept," which brings together a group of students from all nations and "puts them together to act as a natural family." He said the UNSC does not provide financial aid, employment or immigration services.

Students who wish to join the council must fill out an application and take a series of tests, Bisong said. They must also pay the \$100 application fee and a scaled membership fee, he added.

Bisong is registered in the District as the president of several different corporations. All these companies operated out of an office at 1835 K St. N.W. until the council filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy July 26, according to District bank-

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Freshman a suspect in arson, drug cases

by Andrew Tarnoff
Asst. News Editor

A Thurston Hall resident is being investigated in connection with alleged arson and drug possession, GW officials said Wednesday.

The man is one of four Thurston residents who University Police are investigating after a Wednesday morning fire in the sixth-floor study lounge. UPD also confiscated several bags of what appeared to be marijuana from the student's room in an unrelated incident, University Director of Public Affairs Mike Freedman said.

The fire, set with papers on a table, activated sprinklers that flooded the study lounge and damaged some fifth-floor rooms, Freedman said. He said the fire caused an estimated

\$60,000 of damage, and those students living in the water-damaged room were rehoused elsewhere.

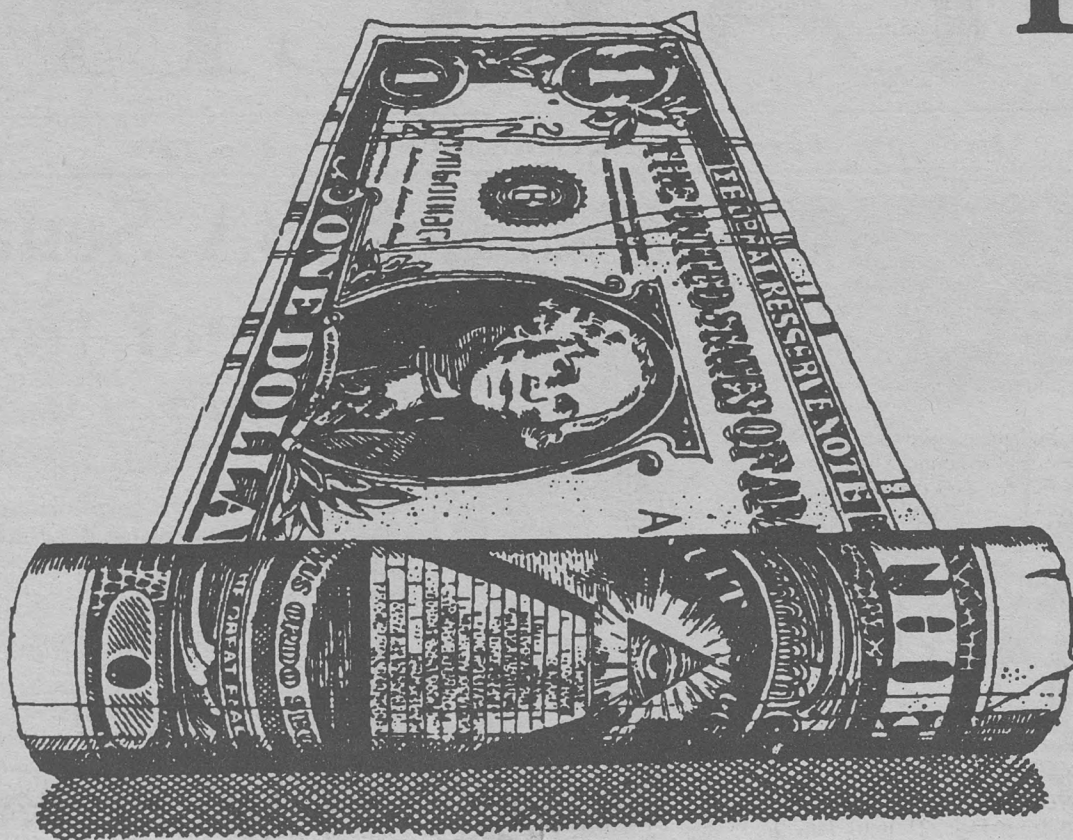
Freedman said security cameras in Thurston recorded the suspects in the area at the time of the incident. The four men have been questioned by both UPD and Metropolitan Police Department, he said.

In an unrelated incident, Thurston housekeepers, who were unable to clean the student's room because of "poor conditions," called the housekeeping supervisor and residential hall staff, Freedman said in a released statement Wednesday.

"Because alcoholic beverage containers were visible, UPD was also called," the statement said. UPD

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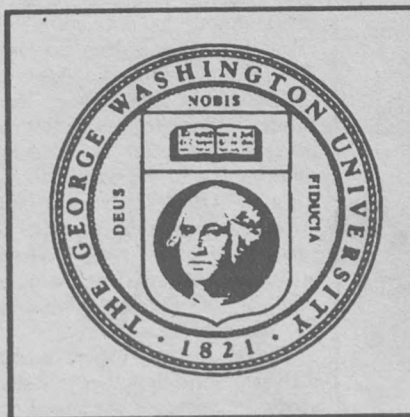
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Commission delays vote on WETA plan

Decision rescheduled for Jan. 10 hearing

by Oscar Avila
News Editor

The D.C. Zoning Commission's decision on whether to approve construction of an on-campus center to house WETA and GW's communications departments was postponed until a Jan. 10 public hearing.

Zoning commission specialist Stephanie Brown said the commission pushed back the decision date, originally scheduled for Dec. 8, after providing new information about the proposed building's adherence to the Building Heights Act.

Zoning administrator Joseph Bottner Jr. submitted a letter Nov. 24 to Madeliene Robinson, acting director of the Office of Zoning, that said the project is "in conflict" with the height act.

Bottner's letter stated that an earlier assumption that the project complied with the act was incorrect. The previous deadline was waived to permit the submission of Bottner's letter, Brown said.

After the deadline was waived, representatives from the GW / WETA project presented a revised proposal that they said complied with the height act. The new proposal will lower a structure grid above the studio, making the solid roof's height about two inches less than 110 feet, the maximum height permitted.

"In order to address Mr. Bottner's interpretation of the act and to remove any doubt as to consistency with the act, the applicants have revised the plan for the roof over the studio," the letter from the GW / WETA representatives stated.

Opponents of the WETA relocation project had argued during October public hearings that the building exceeded District height restrictions. Other parties will have until Jan. 3 to respond to Bottner's letter and to the revised proposal, Brown said.

The applicants wrote in their letter that they think the revised proposal will meet the height requirements necessary for approval by the zoning commission. The Advisory Neighborhood Commission had earlier rejected the WETA proposal.

In the past few weeks, Foggy Bottom residents have also sent testimony to zoning officials with concerns that radiation from WETA's transceivers could pose health risks to the area.

NEWS BRIEF

Gold Cards still good

Students can continue to use points from their Gold Cards at local off-campus restaurants that accept meal cards during the winter break, ServiceMaster Regional Sales Director Ray Martin said Wednesday.

University dining facilities will be closed from Dec. 21 until Jan. 9.

JULIA ROBERTS DENZEL WASHINGTON

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have been assassinated.

One lone law student has

stumbled upon the truth.

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Watered down

Water, water everywhere, but not a drop to drink. No water, in Washington and parts of Virginia that is, unless you boil it first. Authorities said that the Army Corps of Engineers found contaminants Tuesday in the Dale Carlia reservoir, but the Environmental Protection Agency did not notify the city until late Wednesday afternoon. In that time, the ignorance of the situation may have exposed all of the area to potentially harmful bacteria in the system. The EPA certainly could have handled this affair better to everyone's benefit.

The bacteria can cause cramps and diarrhea a few days after contact. Worse, no antibiotic exists to cure the sickness. Officials emphasize that the water restrictions are only a precaution and that no one has located any bacteria in the water supply. To the majority of citizens, they have to deal with minor inconveniences. However, a small sector of people — like those in the hospital or with AIDS — could be seriously affected.

The EPA should have sent out notice to the District much earlier. Ideally, it should have acted as soon as it received notice of problems at Dale Carlia Tuesday morning. A short delay of six or eight hours might still be fine, especially when you factor in the problems of formulating a strategy that would not cause widespread panic. Waiting nearly 36 hours just is not acceptable, even for precaution. Area residents would rather deal with a false alarm than find out that silence wrongly exposed them to some risk.

GW, though, has done a wonderful job in responding to the situation. Its quick efforts in the residence halls, hospital and dining services did much to alleviate any fears. Communication through administrators and employees rapidly notified students and others to the nature of the problem. The University has done an outstanding job arranging for deliveries of bottled water, especially for those who cannot boil it.

Water supply problems rank high on the list of nightmares for urban planners and city administrators. The experience in Milwaukee this summer should have showed the EPA that even a hint of contamination is cause for immediate concern. This is one lesson that does not need to be learned the hard way.

School daze

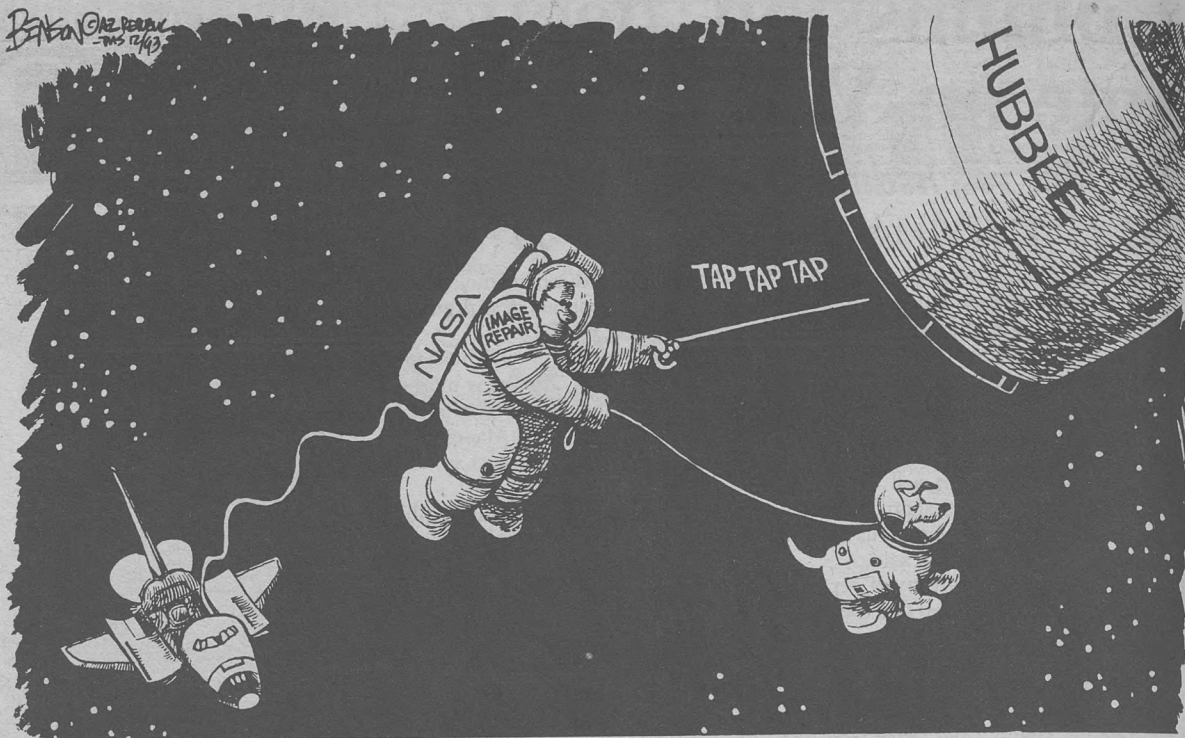
The nation's education system is rapidly crumbling because of a multitude of problems. Many school districts struggle for funding. Urban areas increasingly must wrestle with inadequate resources as well as declining enrollment and the ever-present specter of violence. D.C. School Superintendent Franklin Smith wants to turn some control over to a private management company, because he sees radical change as the only way to effectively improve things. This development is a sign of the future for school reform, but it should not become a blueprint for all.

The District's move can be a step in the right direction. Washington traditionally has suffered from bureaucratic gridlock and administrative inaction. A private company, even one out for profit, might make a difference in D.C. It has one very simple incentive because if it does not show improvement in test scores and budgetary areas, it will be fired. The city, sitting at the bottom of the education spectrum, has to make some sort of move to improve itself.

Smith, however, cannot totally hand things over to the private company, and Washington should not peg this as the sole solution. So far, the superintendent has proposed a limited scope for the plan in its initial stages, keeping it for schools with low levels of achievement. If implemented, he should limit it to these schools for a few years before expanding it to the whole district.

Communities maintain local control over school district for the simple reason that they want to tailor things to meet their particular needs. The problems of rural Midwest areas differ greatly from inner-city Los Angeles and small towns in the South. No one formula can completely address problems across the United States, and school leaders must fashion their solutions in a way to resolve their individual problems.

Stated simply, the private management plan cannot be the answer for everyone, and they should not expect it to be. There is no general saving grace for education. The complications differ from town to town. So should the solutions.



LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Overdue innocence

On several occasions, I've thought about addressing my dissatisfaction with the Gelman Library book renewal procedures. But I've thought better of wasting my time in what probably is a futile activity. On the other hand, now that the library system has wasted so much of my time, it has become very clear that the following situation cannot be ignored.

Often, I've checked out books for long-term research projects. In one instance, several books were due Nov. 4, but I was sick that weekend and did not come to campus. I realized that the books were due, and I called to explain my dilemma. I was told nothing could be done. In order for the library to reverse the fines, I would have to get a note from the Student Health Service. Why? Can't they believe me?

On another occasion, I tried repeatedly to renew the books by electronic mail. However, the wrong number was printed in the library renewal procedure pamphlet. I subsequently renewed them by list. When the library desk gave me my list back, I noticed that four of the renewal dates had been stamped in different places, all over the form. When I asked the reason

for such a procedure, I was first told that repeated stamping would make the date clearer. This didn't make sense, so I asked again and was told, "That way you can't write in any other books (on the list). You know, some people are dishonest."

Now wait just a minute.

For an institution where students are taught that an individual is innocent until proven guilty, I've already been tried. If I am punished because of everyone else's alleged dishonest behavior, I will certainly refrain from giving the library a gift when tuition is due. An institution with GW's prestige should be able to treat its students with fairness and dignity and publish fair and equitable procedures.

-Alyssa J. Cannon

Holiday blues

Since I first expressed interest in applying to GW during the fall of my senior year in high school, I was repeatedly informed by GW's literature of the University's diversity in students. Because of the mix of ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds that existed within the student body, I was confident that I would feel accepted, regardless of

my upbringing or personal beliefs. Imagine my surprise and disgust when I recently paid a visit to the GW Bookstore.

As I walked into the store, the display case just outside the doors struck me as offensive. The display, decorated with paper cutouts of Christmas trees, wreaths and colors, bore greetings of "Happy Holidays." Holidays? It might as well have said Merry Christmas.

My feelings of disdain increased as I browsed. The fully decorated Christmas tree immediately caught my attention, as did sales of Christmas music CDs, GW Christmas tree ornaments and stuffed bears clad in Christmas-colored T-shirts bearing "holiday" greetings. I finally found a small section of Hanukkah supplies tucked out of the way of the dominating acknowledgments of Christmas, but nevertheless, the meager supply of cards and decorations disappointed me even more.

At any college, the students are what constitute most of the atmosphere and personality of the school. At GW we, the students, do not make up a religiously homogenous group. Among other religions, we are Muslim, Buddhist, Jewish, atheist and agnostic, as well as Christ-

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OPINION

Art knows no limits, especially for journals

Art and artists play an extremely important role in society. Throughout history, art and artists have made people think and question. Through their personal expression, artists bring thought and beauty to all of our lives and into a world where this is precarious and often hard to come by. They create hope and spark social progress and change.

Most people are artists or could be if they allowed themselves to find a comfortable medium through which they could express themselves. Many don't realize this and therefore don't realize the power behind a community of artists who work together and support each other, rather than living in a hierarchy of value judgments on others' works and ideas.

Anna Goldstein

Carin Zissis

We created "Olives and Wax" (title inspired by J.D. Salinger's "A Perfect Day for Banana Fishing") with this dream in mind. Both of us being members and residents of the creative and performing arts floor, as well as representing creative writing and studio art in the program, we had discussed our disappointment in the lack of a cohesive artistic element on campus. We felt that starting a creative journal would be something that could bring people together and inspire the realization of this need.

We call "Olives and Wax" a creative, and not literary, journal for specific reasons. We want it to be viewed as a perpetual work in progress open to suggestions and ideas from anyone who wants to make it his or her project also. We are not just a journal of literature; we want to accept everything from costume or set designs to excerpts of original plays to pictures of original sculpture to scores of music. We want anything that can be put on paper.

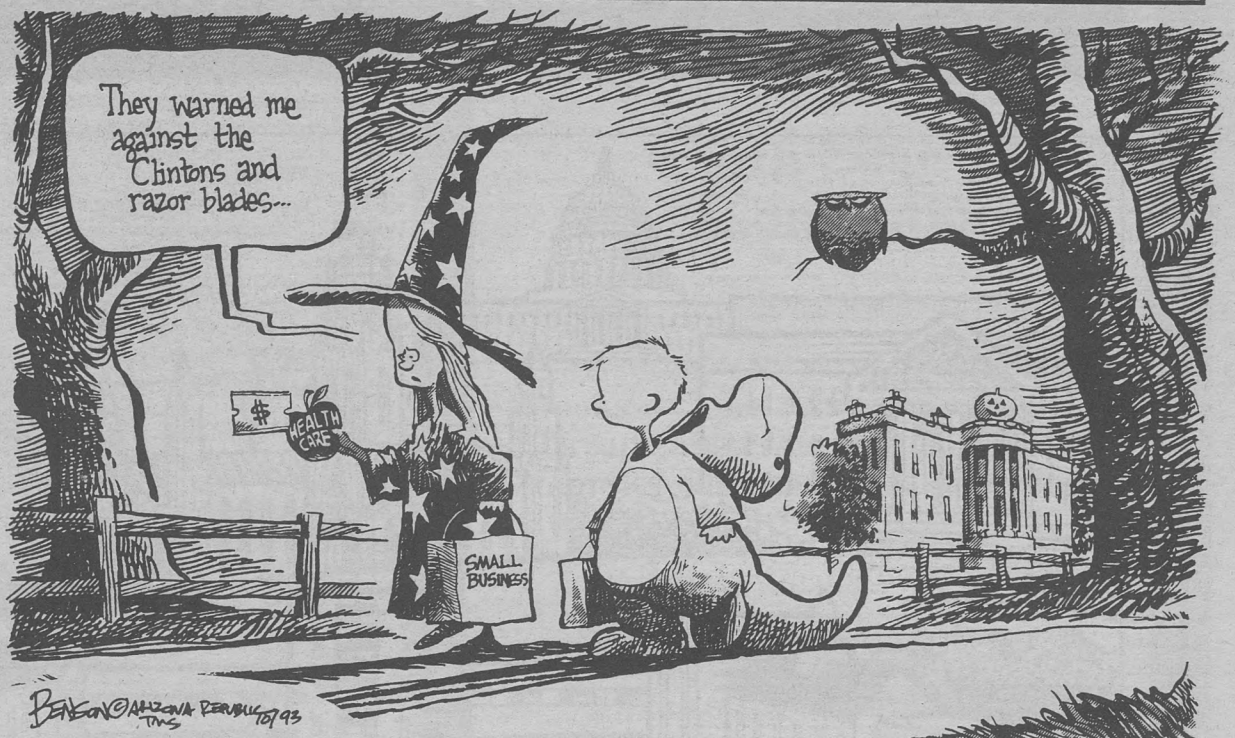
We were very happy with the large amount of submissions that we received for the first issue due out the week of Jan. 12. We were overwhelmed by the wealth of talent that was exhibited in the work, and this made it very hard for us to choose what would appear in the first issue and still keep it an affordable size to print.

The beginnings of our vision came true through the turnout at the coffee houses. For us, they were an open and encouraging forum for all forms of personal expression. Original artwork has been displayed, and readings of original or published work of poetry, fiction, comedy, music and dance — both improvisational and choreographed — have all been performed.

Although we received support from members of the student body and faculty, we were disappointed by the reactions that we perceived. Our intentions were questioned and doubted as to why we felt a need for another literary journal. Our answer is why not another one? Why not 20? How many fraternities are on this campus? How many political organizations? There should be just as many creative projects. Collective creativity should not divide people and should not be received with scorn and competitiveness; it should be embraced.

Keeping this in mind, we would like to take this opportunity as a call for artistic endeavors. We are so grateful for the support that we have gotten and acknowledge that we could never have been as successful without it. In the same vein, we strongly encourage and support anyone who wishes to become involved in our project or start a different one. So much in this world divides us, but creativity can bring us together.

Anna Goldstein and Carin Zissis are sophomores and the founders of "Olives and Wax."



Health reform will deliver care comparable to post office service

GW students and anyone else concerned about your health care: Don't be sucked into Donna Shalala and Bill Clinton's health care plan ("College students have big stake in Clinton's health care reform," Dec. 2, p. 5). It's a raw deal for everybody.

Tragic stories indeed abound in the health care arena. Hillary Clinton and Shalala seem to have sought out every nook and cranny of our country, seeking out the horror stories of American health care.

They have some points worth taking note of. Yes, there are poor people, young people and homeless people who have no health care. There are even middle class folks who don't have health care. Most likely, I will have no health care for a time when I get out of school. I would like the choice, however, to take my medicine in private, so to speak. Why, you ask? If something is offered to me at a cheaper price, perhaps even for free depending on how bad off I am, why not take advantage of this? The U.S. government is giving me something vital to my survival. What is there to not like?

The whole problem with the local health alliances that Shalala writes about is that they are controlled by the government. This government regulation and control will save us money perhaps, but do you want cheap health care or good health care? Let's look at another government entity, our very own U.S. Post Office. It has regulations too. The regulations save us money. But at what cost?

On a normal day at the Watergate post office, you can expect a discourteous employee to scowl at you and ask, "What do you want?" This is after you've waited — I kid you not — a minimum of a half an hour but sometimes as often as an hour and a half. You just stand there in line waiting to mail your packages or get your stamps. The service is generally lousy. A package sent via Uncle Sam from Watergate arrives in my home state of Colorado a week, sometimes even two weeks later. I have no way of knowing where my package is and no insurance. Eventually, you grow weary of waiting at the

post office and putting up with all of their bureaucracy so you go off to Mailboxes Etc.

When you arrive at the private postal facility, you notice a couple of things right off the bat. It is clean, there is little, if any line, at the counter. You spend a maximum of five minutes in the line and are greeted by an employee eager to take care of you. "May I help you," they say. My package can now be tracked down any time day or night. If I want to know where it is at 3 a.m., I can call UPS. My package will arrive in Colorado in less than a week.

I have to pay \$1.50 more to mail my package UPS. To me, my package is worth a little extra for the convenience, security and service that I get in return.

Rachel Talbert

I'm glad that I don't have to use the post office. I'm glad that I have the choice in where I mail my packages. I'd like to have the same choice in health care. If I want to spend the extra money, let me spend the extra money. Government postal service is not my choice; neither is government health care.

If you must do something about health care in the White House, then do this. Those who do not, for whatever reason, have health care, put them on your government plan. You can even cut spending from some other area to pay for it. (How about starting with the health care task force budget?) If there's absolutely no other way, you can even raise my taxes a little to cover this project. But what you are doing now, Secretary Shalala, is dead wrong.

It might take a couple years of work to get into a job where you have health care. It might take awhile until new grads can save up enough money to join a health plan, but at least we have our choice. At least we don't have to wait in line at the government post office of medicine. We can put our most valuable possession, not a package but our very lives, into the hands of someone who we

know will do their very best. The government might be a great standby for those who have no choice, but I would no sooner go to a government health clinic that I would trust a package to go through the U.S. mail.

The nation should watch out, those of you who have good health care from a private physician will no longer be allowed access to that under the new plan. If the first lady has her way, you won't even be able to pay in dollars to get better care. Even if you have the money, you will be forced to receive only government health care.

My mother has been fighting a battle with cancer ever since my sophomore year at GW. Our health care story is not one of tragedy, but of triumph. Because my father worked hard, we have good health care. My mother is able to get the specialized treatment that she needs to get rid of the cancer. She is able to use both preventive therapy through diet and vitamins (which may be lost soon if Congress regulates it through the Dietary Supplements Act). And she is able to see the best doctors that we can get a hold of.

Without the blessing of the ability to choose the best we could find, her battle would have been lost a long time ago. If this plan passes, my father can't use the health care plan we have now. My mother will be forced to see only the physician that the government assigns her. Secretary Shalala, give to those who do not have the health care they need. But never take away the health plans and the insurance that so many have worked so long and so hard for.

If you do, next time you and Mrs. Clinton go out to look for problems, you will find many more problems among far more people than you had in the first place. You will create victims of government health care, much as the post office creates lost, crushed and maimed packages. I'm sure glad that I can go to UPS with my packages. I hope I can still go to my wonderful doctor back home in Arvada, Colo., when I am sick.

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More Letters

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ian. Decorations around campus should reflect these differences at all times of the year so that acceptance and equal recognition of varying beliefs are promoted. Perhaps in this way, we can all enjoy our respective holidays.

-Allison Brooks

Feeding success

A note of congratulations to the GW community for a job well done! During GW's Hunger Awareness Week and the Board of Chaplain-sponsored Oxfam Fast for a World Harvest, students signed off more than 400 meals, and we're still waiting on the final tally amount. All of this will be contributed to

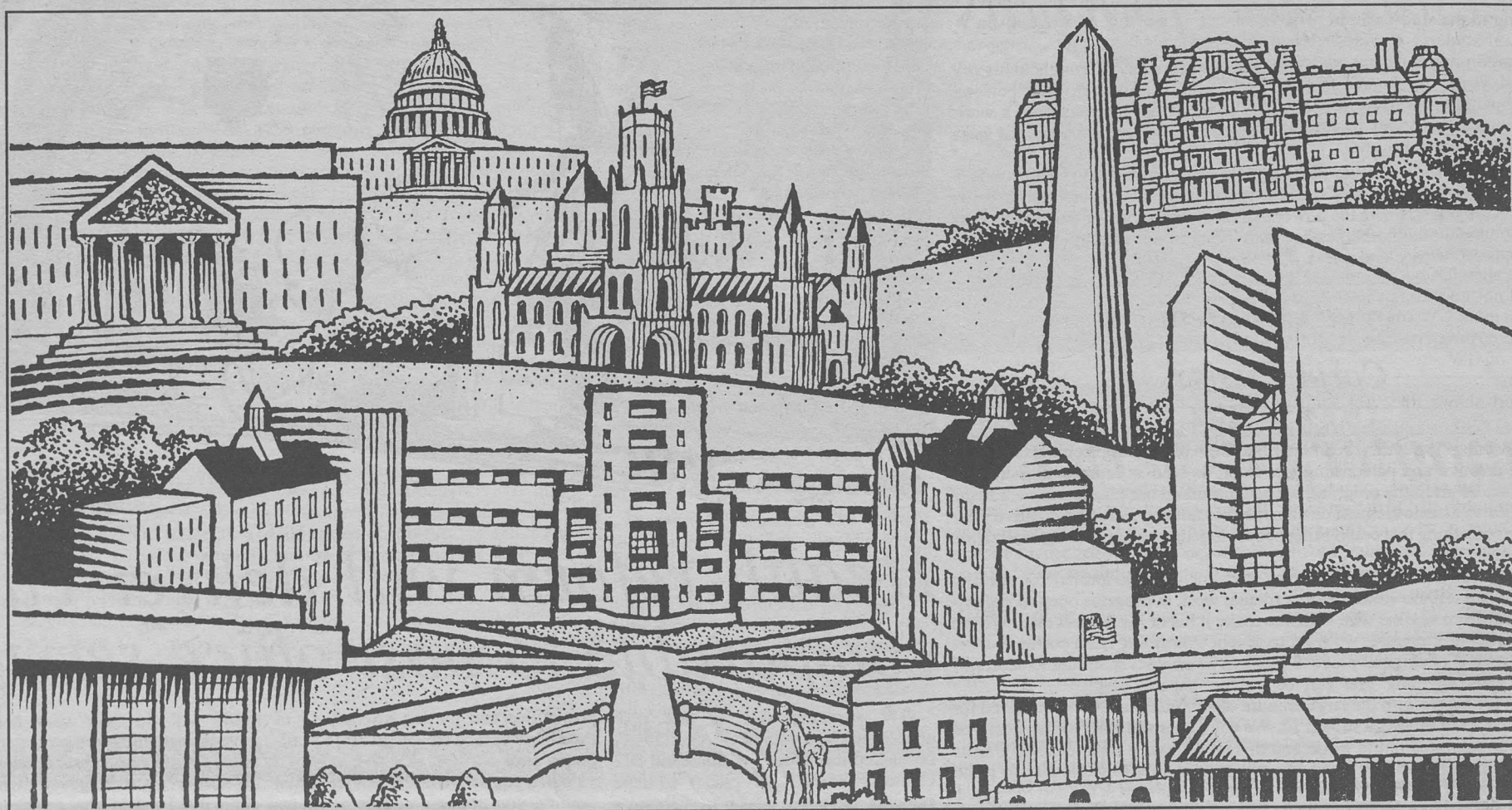
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GW study abroad lures students

Growing popularity of new Madrid program boosts participation

by Souheila Al-Jadda
Hatchet Staff Writer

The number of GW students studying abroad who chose GW-sponsored programs increased about 40 percent last year, Jennifer Wright, director of the study abroad office, said.

According to the study abroad office's annual report, the percentage of students studying abroad who participate in GW-sponsored programs "has increased consistently in the past several years."

Andrea Spangler, assistant director of the study abroad office, attributes this trend to the GW center in Madrid, Spain, which opened last fall.

The administration's findings that students go to Spain more than any other country induced the University to start a center there, Spangler said.

"The administration felt that it was a good idea to begin a program there to have control over the administration and quality of academics, but also so that the students would stay at GW and not go through another school," Spangler said.

Although more GW students are studying abroad through GW-sponsored programs, the report also shows that the overall number of GW students going abroad has decreased in recent years.

The report shows that 209 students studied abroad in

1992-93, which marks a 24 percent decrease from the previous year. This drop can be attributed to the "recession and uncertainty about the future of the U.S. economy," Spangler said.

A recent survey by the University of Puget Sound in Tacoma, Wash., found that a vast majority of study abroad programs nationwide are reporting increased participation.

Programs in Western Europe are the most popular among study participants, but study in Latin America, Australia and Japan is also popular, the Puget Sound report found. Students on the East Coast tend to concentrate on Europe, the report said.

"The majority of students who go on the program come back and say it was an opportunity of a lifetime, and they would recommend it to everyone," Spangler said.

Junior Mike Starkenberg studied at the University of Essex in England last spring. He said that he enjoyed his stay there, but the workload was less strenuous.

"It was great. They don't expect you to do too much work. I'm really glad I went," Starkenberg said.

The study abroad office reports that it now has 113 students studying abroad for the fall semester and academic year. Officials said they hope to continue to develop the Madrid center and find a location for another GW program.

-College Press Service contributed to this report.

Computers experience down time

The Computer Information and Resource Center is working to fix the broken Macintosh computers in the University's computer labs, CIRC employee Sihem Boudgemma said.

As the end of the semester approaches, students use the computers to type their final research papers. Many said they are frustrated by the long lines created by the lack of working computers.

Graduate student Lori Auclair said there is a problem because of the large number of users and the lack of computers. "But I don't think there is much

they can do to fix that," she said.

Marianne Vail, also a graduate student, agreed that there is a problem. "(CIRC) needs a quicker way of fixing the computers."

Auclair said the printer in the Marvin Center's Macintosh computer lab was not working at all last week.

Typically, a student will find a white sign which reads, "This equipment is temporarily out of order" attached to the screen of a broken computer, Boudgemma said. On Saturday, one computer in the Academic Center lab had a sign on it while two others were

missing because of repair work.

According to Boudgemma, the sign indicates that a CIRC technician has already checked it and needs extra time to fix it. "Sometimes, they have to order parts, and that takes time," she said.

"We don't know exactly when the computers will be ready, but of course it will be as soon as they can," Boudgemma said. The University has Macintosh labs in the Academic Center, Marvin Center and Gelman Library.

-Sarah Swartz



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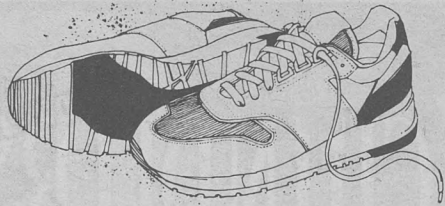
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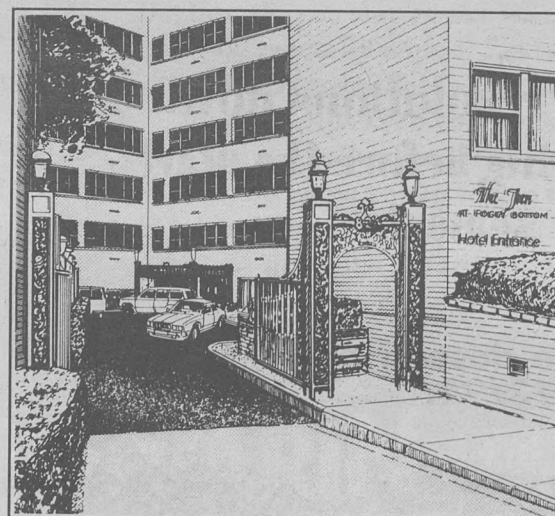
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Buckley will return to tape 'Firing Line'

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Guests on the half-hour programs will include Buckley, Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan (D-N.Y.), former housing secretary Jack Kemp and Peter Peterson, founder of the Concord Coalition, a non-partisan group which focuses on the budget deficit.

The tapings will run from noon to 2 p.m. in the Dorothy Betts Marvin Theater.

Audience members must be seated by 11:45 a.m. The programs will air on public television stations nationwide in January.

Buckley taped a four-part series on health care reform Oct. 18 at GW featuring members of Congress and representatives from medical, pharmaceutical, insurance and consumer organizations.

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-Oscar Avila

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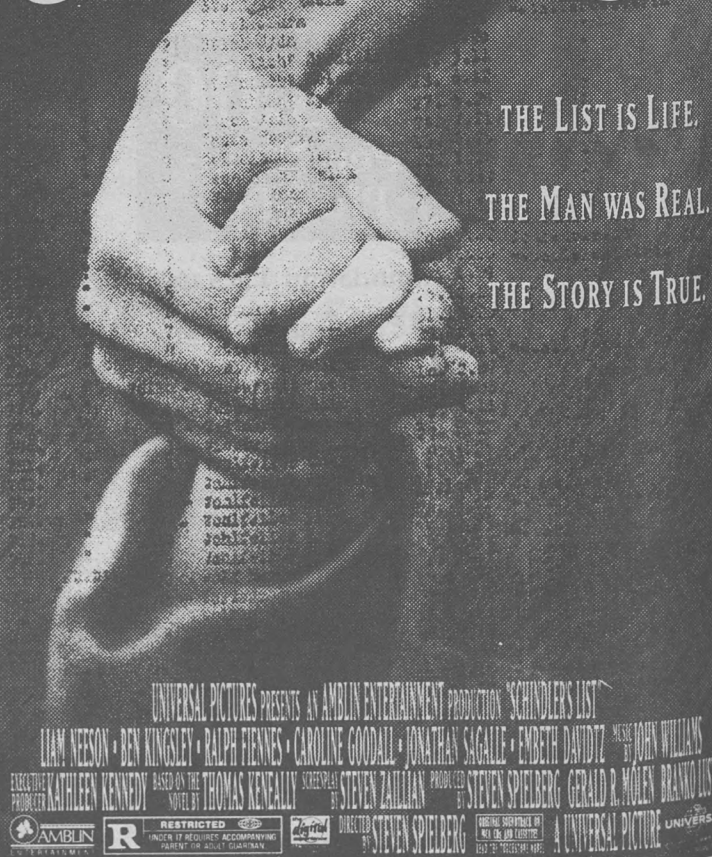
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GW Bookstore opens branch in 2000 Penn

The GW bookstore has opened a satellite store in the 2000 Penn shopping complex to operate during the holiday season, Linda Chernak, the bookstore's in-store buyer, said.

Chernak said the management of 2000 Penn asked the bookstore if it would open the store for the holiday shopping season.

Chernak said the satellite store sells items in a variety of price ranges, including athletic apparel and general GW merchandise. The prices in the satellite store are the same as in the bookstore, Chernak said.

"We put something in there for everyone," Chernak said.

Chernak said the satellite store will attract business from people in the surrounding offices and that the store "is

our way of helping to get the GW name out to other people, other than the GW family."

Chernak said the satellite store opened Dec. 1 and will operate until Dec. 22, when the 2000 Penn complex will only have 5 percent occupancy.

The store has not received a large volume of business, Chernak said. She added that many other floor merchants had commented that business was slow. Chernak predicted that response will increase as people shop for the holiday season.

The GW Bookstore has recently operated a similar booth at GW's Northern Virginia campus. Chernak said the booth is successful and well-received.

-David Joyner

Applications up 70% for early decision

The number of students who applied for early decision admission increased 70 percent from last year, Fred Siegel, director of admissions and executive administrator of enrollment management, said.

Siegel attributed the increase from 230 to 391 early decision applicants to the greater visibility, publicity and reputation that GW has received in recent years.

Siegel said the same standards for admission are applied to students who apply for early decision. But the admissions department takes into consideration that GW is the applicant's first choice, Siegel said.

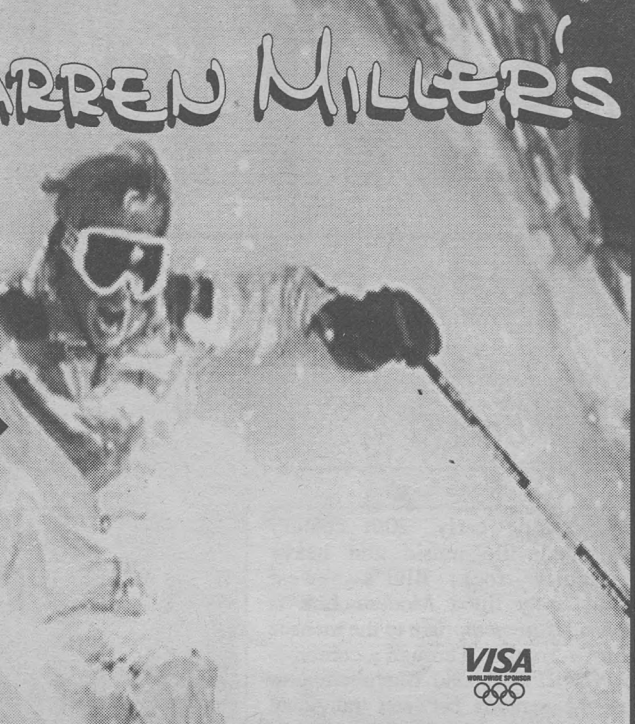
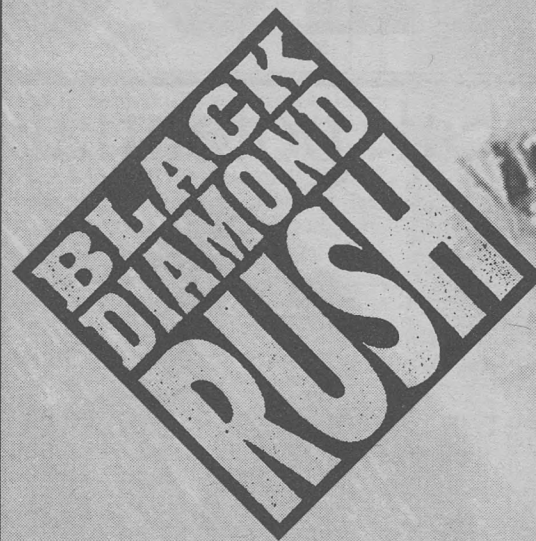
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-Virginia Donchez

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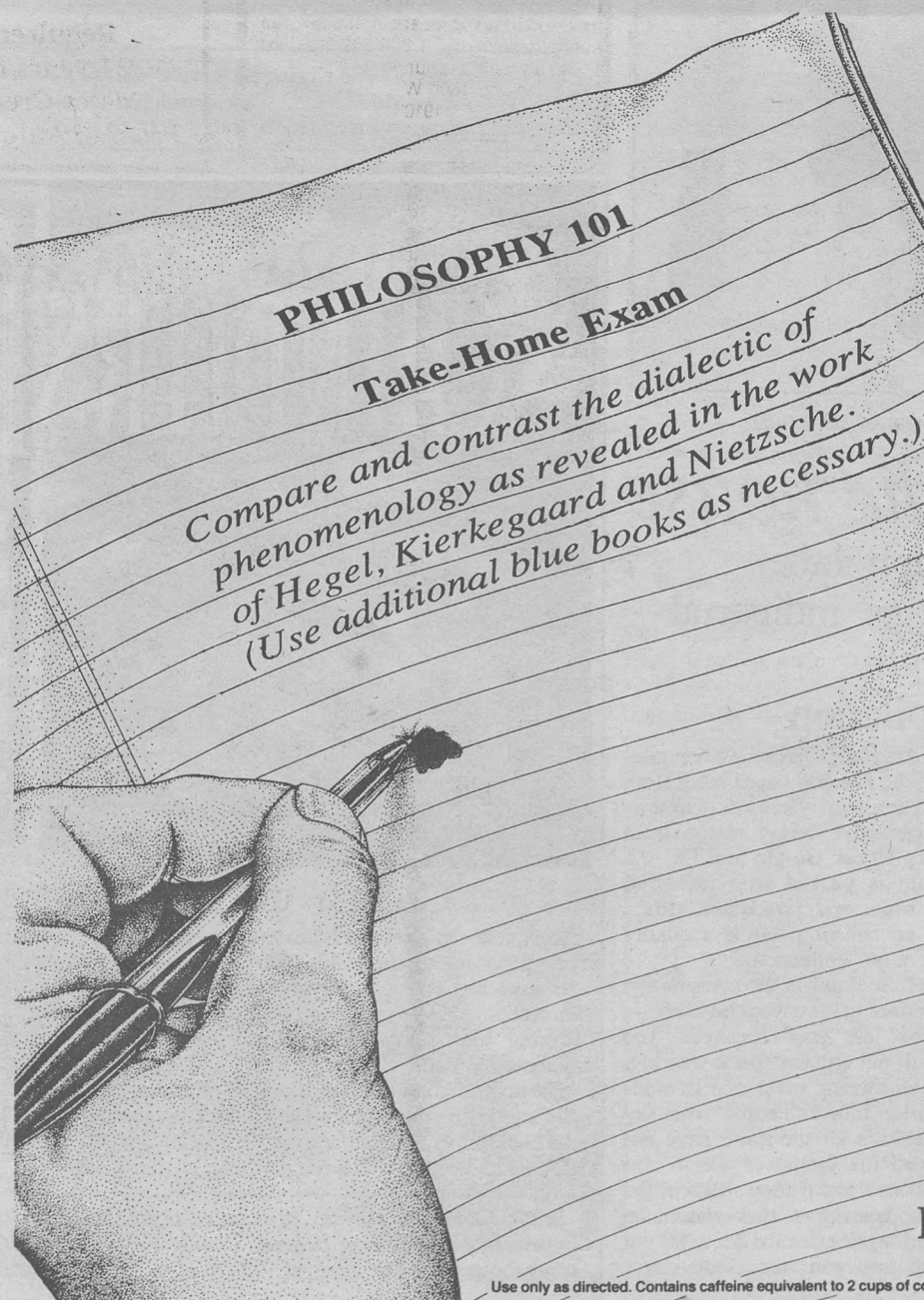
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IMPRESSIONS

Singer blurs musical potential

Modern Life is Rubbish

by Maria Goff

Crossing early, 20th century vaudeville music and heavy guitar rock, Blur's newest release, aptly titled *Modern Life is Rubbish*, is in memoriam to the menace of life — routine. Through a combination of lyrics and sound, Blur attempts to show the paradox between individual happiness and mechanical survival.

In the song "Oily Water," for instance, Blur finishes by lamenting "I've swallowed too much oily water / It keeps slipping down my spine / In a sense of self in decline / Lying on my back / It's only an early morning dream / And so the whole world will be alright." The only problem with this song and the overall sound of the CD is its lyrics don't mesh effectively with everything else.

Lead singer Damon is a good example of Blur's ineffectiveness. The melodic sound of the first track "For Tomorrow," is entrancing. But just as you're getting into it, a voice starts to chant. It's Damon, and unfortunately he has the voice of a camp sing-a-long leader. Stylistically this was probably not some huge oversight, but rather a plot to sound different.

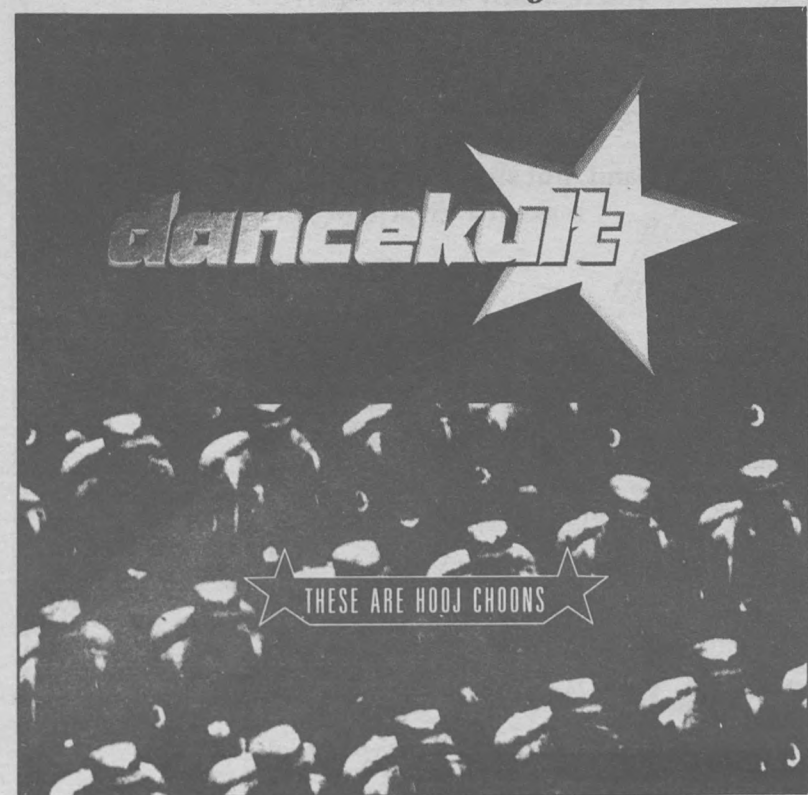
Unfortunately, their plot has failed — at least to this reviewer who was only too happy to come to the end of the CD with hearing and sanity intact.

On a more positive note, the two instrumental songs, "Intermission" and "Commercial Break," nicely blend piano, guitars and a rich drum sound. Both songs are quite pleasing to the ear. Maybe Blur should lose its lead singer



Maybe the dog will lead Blur out of its blur?

This is the Hooj Choon indie house



London label releases industrial strength compilation

These Are Hooj Choons is a compilation from the London-based label Hooj Choons. The album offers lots of noteworthy progressive house music from bands like Hyper Go-Go and DC 02. The album is packed with industrial strength beats and funkadelic rifts. There is no question this is a quality indie for any collection.

Most of the tunes in the compilation offer baselines to blow your head off — or maybe just your speakers. The energy will put any backpack-wearing, bell-bottom-owning raver into an acid-dazed dance trance. People who say house music is all the same have not experienced the thump of *These Are Hooj Choons*. And if they still feel the same after hearing it, they should be considered legally deaf or dead. So put this synth into your processor.

-Jefferson Jaynes

Revel in the season

by Amy Maio

In today's world of increasing political correctness, it is nice to see a show everybody, regardless of their religious or ethnic affiliations, can enjoy. The Washington Revels performed their 11th annual "Christmas Revels" on Dec. 4 at Lisner Auditorium, and the show did not fail to delight the full-capacity crowd.

Although its show is titled "The Christmas Revels," the group doesn't celebrate the traditional Christmas that Christians are accustomed to. Instead, their celebration is geared toward ushering out the shortest day of the year and celebrating the rebirth of the sun — otherwise known as the winter solstice. This is not, however, an ordinary, run-of-the-mill celebration. It is done the Celtic way, complete with traditional and ritual dances, carols, processions, poetry and drama.

The production begins with a medley of Celtic tunes, performed by St. Piran's Brass, followed with the spotlighted entrance of a Scottish bagpiper. The rest of the show is a series of short songs, skits and dialogues which show the different customs of the Celtic people.

From start to finish, "The Christmas Revels" is magnificent. The costumes are authentic, the brass band performs beautifully and the dances are perfectly choreographed. Yet, as with any show, certain parts stand out as the best.

The first of these is the dancing. The show features Celtic jigs, which are something like a combination of ballet and tap dancing. Karen Campbell, an extremely accomplished Highland dancer, did most of the jigging during the course of the evening, and the crowd was enthralled with her every move.

The other portion of the show that got the crowd on its feet — literally — was the group singing. The audience participated in seven songs throughout the show, and the performers came off the stage and into the audience twice, pulling people into the aisles and making them join the festivities.

"The Christmas Revels" is quite different from the Christmas productions we have grown accustomed to through the years, but its uniqueness is what makes it so special.

The final shows of "The Christmas Revels" will be this weekend, Dec. 10 to 12 at GW's Lisner Auditorium. Tickets are \$20 for adults, \$12 for children under 12. For more information, call (301) 657-3285.



Crunch on this big apple

Kids, it doesn't get much heavier than this. Helmet brings its brand of New York hardcore to the 9:30 Club Thursday night.

Helmet has seen considerable success with its second album, *Meantime* (Interscope), due in part to the exposure its videos for "In the Meantime" and "Unsung" have gotten on MTV. Its latest release was "Just Another Victim," a collaboration with House of Pain on the *Judgment Night* soundtrack.

The up-and-coming Jawbox, one of Washington's finest, opens for Helmet. After starting on the Dischord label, Jawbox recently signed with Atlantic. The band blends inventive guitar-playing with unusual harmonies to create an original, melodic style while maintaining its hard edge.

Bring a donation for any pro-choice organization and receive Born To Choose (Ryko), featuring Helmet, Soundgarden, Sugar and Matthew Sweet, among others. Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

-Chris Peterson

ARTS & FEATURES

Sunforce 1 shines despite setbacks

Team triumphs over temperature, ticks and technical troubles

by Heather O'Connor



photos courtesy Sunforce 1
Ben Feldman holding hammer.

It's 5 p.m. on Nov. 11, and the sun is just peeking over the dusty, red horizon. With the sun come millions of black flies that invade the tranquil morning in swarms searching for a moist eye or ear or nose on which to feast.

The first stirrings of human life can be heard as the 20 members of GW's Sunforce 1 solar car team drag themselves from their sleeping bags where they have slept for six nights. They brush the red dirt from their clothing, pull on mosquito netting and begin preparations for the final leg of the 1993 Hoxan World Solar Challenge race through the Australian outback.

"We camped in sleeping bags and

tents about 20 meters off the road in the bushes," Sunforce 1 team member Jason Newlin said. "Some guys even set up hammocks underneath the semi-trailer where we stored the solar car at night."

The first stop for the team after arrival in Australia in mid-October was the Northern Territory University in Darwin where several other solar car teams from around the world were making their final preparations for the race. It was here that the Sunforce 1 team spent two weeks attempting to repair the damages to the car inflicted during its transport to Australia. The shipping company dropped the car, and the chassis and solar array were damaged almost beyond repair, team members said.

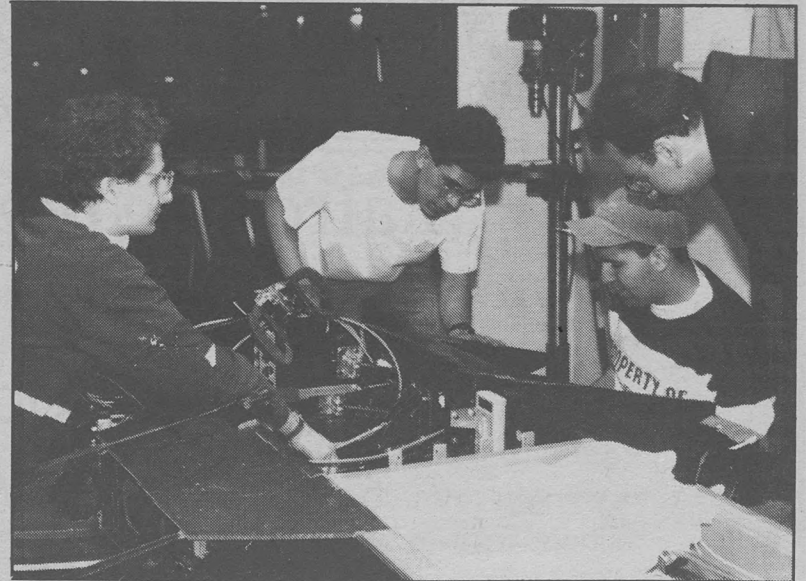
"There was a real spirit of helpfulness at N.T.," Newlin said. "People were willing to bend over backwards to help us even though they were working on their own cars."

Fifty-two cars from 14 countries began racing 3,000 km south from Darwin to the city of Adelaide on Nov. 7. The road traveled by the solar car racers was the main North-South two-lane highway through Australia. Sunforce 1 maintained an average racing speed of 66 km per hour (40 mph).

Six other vehicles accompanied the solar car to control and monitor Sunforce 1's progress throughout the race. They also had vehicles to transport food, camping gear and the equipment needed for solar car repairs.

"When you are in the outback in the middle of nowhere, you have to have everything, otherwise you are stuck," Sunforce 1 driver Stefane Theriez said.

One of the most important accompan-



(l. to r.) Ben Feldman, Luis Valle, Bud Zaouk and Prof. Bedewi examine.

iments was the weather van, which contained a satellite dish, computer and fax. Being able to predict the weather played a valuable role in the planning of the team's strategies.

"The difference between cloud cover and no cloud cover can be the difference between winning and losing the race," Newlin explained.

Racing began at 8 a.m. and ended at 5 p.m. sharp. There were stop-points every day to give the racers an opportunity to switch drivers and refuel.

"Driving the car was pretty exhausting because of the heat," Theriez said. "The drivers (Theriez and Ben Feldman) were on a special diet with a lot of fluid, salt pills and no sugars so we wouldn't dehydrate."

Throughout the course of the day, the solar car stopped only for a flat tire or other technical problem. The crew perfected their skills, so that they could change a front tire in under a minute and

a rear in under two minutes.

"Practice was one of the most important things," Newlin said.

Every night the team checked the car for any problems and almost every night they found something that had broken in the course of the day.

"Driving the car was exciting, especially at the end of the race with everyone cheering you on," Theriez said. "The disadvantage, though, was driving for six hours in a cramped compartment with no food and little water."

Team members said they felt their ninth-place finishing early in the sixth day of the race was a victory. The \$200,000 Sunforce 1 beat out teams who spent far more on their cars.

"We did really well given the problems that we had," Theriez explained. "After the shipping, nobody outside of the team expected us to come in the top 10. But everyone pulled together and worked really hard at the end to pull it off."



Bud Zaouk installing uprights of front suspension.

Channing discusses social interactions in Six Degrees

by Erin McLaughlin

"I think the reason two people connect is a very mysterious thing," actress Stockard Channing said about her new movie *Six Degrees of Separation* at a press luncheon Tuesday, Nov. 23 at The Four Seasons Hotel.

Channing co-stars with Will Smith (a.k.a. the Fresh Prince) and Donald Sutherland in a reprise of the role that earned her a Tony nomination in the stage version of the show.

Channing reconstructs her role as leading lady Ouisa Kittredge, with Sutherland playing her husband, Flan. Ouisa and Flan Kittredge struggle to

maintain their wealthy, Manhattan lifestyle with Flan as an art dealer and Ouisa as both his wife and his partner in wining and dining possible buyers.

Channing explained that "the husband was always the primary focus" in the Kittredge's marriage.

"Ouisa was one of those women who had a marriage of that nature because she was very much not a trophy wife, but a professional wife. That was the partnership, and it really is the spine of the movie," she said.

One night as the couple is entertaining, Paul (Smith), an affluent-looking young man, shows up on the doorstep of their luxurious Central Park apartment. He says he was wounded by a mugger

right outside their apartment, but in reality, his wound was self-inflicted. Paul claims he knows who the Kittredges are and where they live because he is friends with their children, who attend Harvard. He weaves a convincing web of lies, including the false fact he is Sidney Poitier's son, and in the course of the evening, the charmed Kittredges invite him to spend the night.

In the light of day everything looks different. Ouisa discovered Paul romping around naked in her daughter's bed with a white male hustler.

"The hysterical response that comes out and the fact that John (Guare, the screenwriter) lets that happen in this context... The vision of people running around naked — the vision of a light touch of sexual contact between two men — he is always throwing a provocative spice into the mix. I like that. It all accumulates in the audience's mind," Channing said.

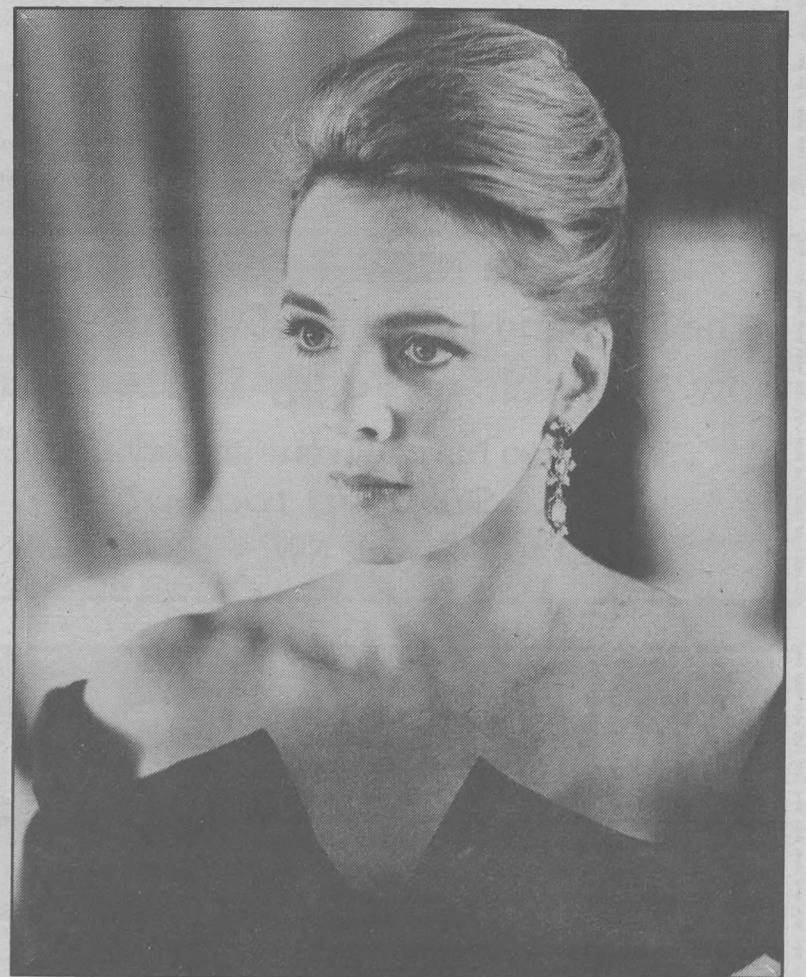
Six Degrees of Separation features many different kinds of social interaction and handle them well. The story deals with how blacks interact with whites, heterosexuals with homosexuals, parents with children, wealthy with poor, husbands with wives and most of all, the satisfied with the dissatisfied.

The relationship that stands out most in a viewer's mind depends on who they are and where they're coming from.

"When I talk to people I am always stunned... the variety of questions you get, these people have all seen different movies in a way," Channing said.



Will Smith impresses the Kittredges with fresh cooking skills.



Stockard Channing as Ouisa

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Ho, ho, homework has GW snowed under

by Wendy Romig
Hatchet Staff Writer

'Tis the season to be . . . stressed. Finals, term papers, and semester projects are plaguing students throughout the University. Can this be considered a form of torture? Well, maybe. For many students, procrastination is at its highest, sleep is a novelty and late nights nursing a pot of coffee while books are strewn about is a recurring theme.

But aside from all these end-of-semester traumas, there is a brighter side: winter break. What better way to unwind after exams than to rest, relax and get away from GW for a few weeks? Who could pass that up?

Well, the holidays are just around the corner, but before students can reap their treasures, they have to survive finals.

While pulling all-nighters and participating in study groups may not yield the desired results, there are some reasons to muddle through the next week and head home for holiday bliss:

- Food. Well, it's the holidays. There's no better excuse.
- Sleep, sleep, and more sleep.

"Sleep, yeah, I wish I could get sleep over break," said senior Allan Wattenmaker, a varsity crew member.

- The joyous tradition of exchanging gifts.

- For all ski bums, the slopes are calling their names.

- Dinner with the relatives. Well, maybe not.

- Seeing old friends, exchanging college stories and partying.

- Traveling to an exotic place or even home, for those who are fortunate enough to. "I will be getting baked in Florida — I mean by the sun of course," sophomore Leslie Libarkin said.

- Helping those who are less fortunate. "Well, maybe we can find the true purpose of the holidays," freshman Jim Duncan said.

- Drink and be merry. "The art of inebriation is a principle in which Rudolph and Santa, with their red noses, can appreciate," sophomore Husani Bastien said.

So, while students stress over finals, they should remember that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. Once they're finished, it won't seem too bad . . . until next semester.

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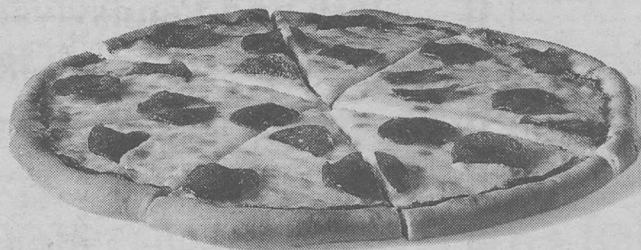
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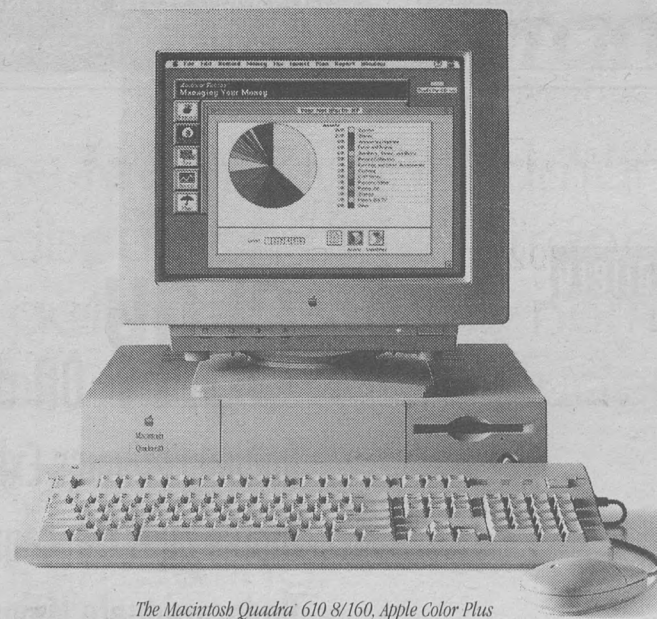
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ruptcy court records. Bisong said the council is now reorganizing at his home.

A 30-year-old Strayer College student is helping Bisong reorganize the council from his home. The student

agreed to be interviewed if her name was not used in this article because "I don't want publicity."

Bisong said many of his students either do not want the publicity or work illegally in the United States.

The Strayer student said in a telephone interview from Bisong's residence that she learned of the UNSC from a friend. She, too, paid the \$100 application fee, and has volunteered her time on a small business and culture project.

She criticized those who come in and expect immediate results.

"Most people just came in, paid the application fee and want everything to be so easy," she said. "I knew I had to put in my time."

Bisong said students who asked for a refund, such as Tenze, are legally bound to the application they signed stating that the fees were nonrefundable.

The Strayer student also said the council pays her \$8,000 annual tuition. Bisong originally said the council does

not give out any scholarship money, but later explained that he will help some students financially if they show a dedication to the group.

Affiliation

None of Bisong's companies are associated with the United Nations, a statement that is printed on several pamphlets and applications. But Tenze, like several other people, said Bisong misled him to believe he was U.N.-affiliated.

Ron Gravis, who answered a July newspaper advertisement seeking international consultants, said he was also misled. Gravis, a 1985 GW alumnus, said he paid a \$50 job application fee because he thought the United Nations "was going through some cost-cutting measures."

Bisong said he never told any students that he or any of his organizations are affiliated with the United Nations. "Everybody, before they actually completed an application, . . . knew it wasn't affiliated," Bisong said.

For a company to become affiliated with the United Nations, it must apply through an extensive application process, according to U.N. legal officer Angelo Faria, who confirmed that the council is not authorized to use the United Nations name.

Bisong said now that he is reorganizing his company, he will apply for United Nations affiliation. But he said he will not respond to a request by the Washington Better Business Bureau to change his organization's name.

"I did not get any other name that actually gave the concept of what I'm trying to accomplish," he said.

He said claims that he misled students are ridiculous. "It doesn't make sense when the student will be there and will find out everything," he said.

In a July 1993 report, the Better Business Bureau stated that "use of the (United Nations) name has a capacity to mislead the consumer despite declarations to the contrary in marketing literature."

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Student reaction

GW graduate student Samir Camdzic said he was "curious" that Bisong called him at home one night in March. He said the director knew he was a foreign student and had personal information about his visa status. Camdzic said Bisong told him he got this information from "somebody at the University."

"We are just a leadership organization that gives students the opportunity to apply the knowledge that they acquire at school . . . and at the same time, they are serving the council in some form."

-John Bisong

Camdzic said the director did not answer his questions directly when they met in April. "He never answered it straight. If you ask him, 'Tell me exactly how it works,' he goes around and around," he said.

Like Camdzic, Gur Saran Das, a 26-year-old graduate student at the University of Maryland, said he did not know how Bisong acquired his name and telephone number. "He said I filled out a form sometime, but I don't recall

filling out a form," Das said, adding that he also paid a \$100 application fee.

Kathryn Dawson, director of the Office of International Programs and Services at George Mason University, said several students there have been "duped." Dawson said she met Bisong less than two years ago.

During their meeting, Dawson said she became skeptical when "Sir John refused to give me any printed info." After further investigation, George Mason officials banned the council from campus, she said.

"They are taking advantage of international students' vulnerabilities," Dawson said. "It sounds good on the surface, but once the students got inside, they wanted them to work without paying them and wanted to take their money."

'Vision without values'

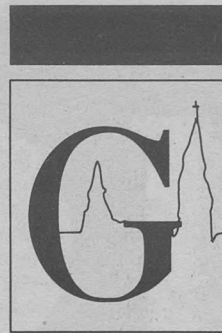
A former council employee, who asked not to be identified because she said she may pursue legal action against Bisong, said police officers came to the office several times to question Bisong.

"When I started seeing things happen, I was always told to just go to my office," the woman said. "He swore to me up and down that nothing was going on." The woman said she was also denied requests to see financial records. She said she quit because the council had a "vision without values."

The woman said she may sue Bisong for attempted theft and said she ultimately "wants to get him out of the country."

Metropolitan Police Detective Bill Mendez said he may investigate the council for possible fraud if more people like Gravis, who filed a complaint last month, come forward.

Bisong said he isn't worried, though. "I am open for anything they want to do. They will not find out what they are looking for, because it does not exist."



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officers then obtained authorization to search the room, the statement said. During that search, UPD and residence hall staff found several bags of a substance that appeared to be marijuana, Freedman said, which was confiscated along with other drug paraphernalia. Freedman said both incidents remain

under investigation by both UPD and MPD.

The alleged drug possession violation will be enforced through the provisions of the Controlled Substance Act of the District of Columbia, as well as the Federal Drug Free Schools and Communities Act, he said. If guilty, the students could ultimately be expelled from GW, Freedman said.

-Managing Editor Elissa Leibowitz contributed to this report

Water

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and moving as fast as they can," Freedman said.

Dining services will use its supply of bottled beverages and water and has ordered more from its supplier, PepsiCo Inc., for all dining facilities.

Medical Center spokeswoman Terry

Abdoo said the medical center distributed 1,000 1-gallon bottles of water before 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and was scheduled to receive another shipment at 4 a.m. Thursday. She said bottled water will be used for all food

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-Staff writer David Joyner contributed to this report

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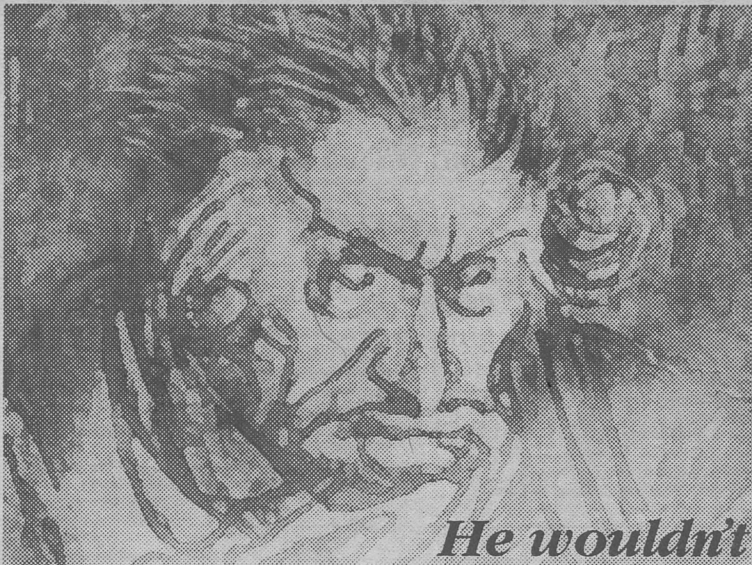
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Tajama finds niche on court

by Kynan Kelly

Asst. Sports Editor

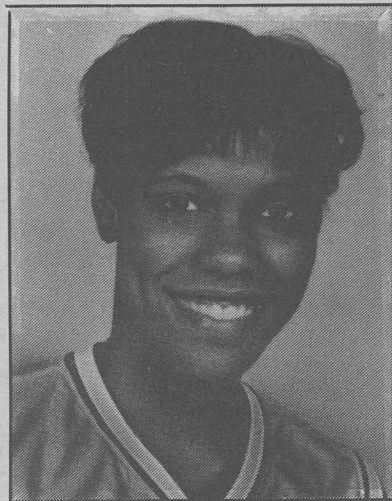
Tajama Abraham, the Colonial Women's 6-2 freshman forward, was named Atlantic 10 Conference "Rookie of the Week" Sunday after three impressive games.

After missing the exhibition game against Soproni Vasutas with an ankle injury, she has exploded for 43 points and 27 rebounds in 64 minutes of play. Defensively, she has flexed her muscles with seven blocks and four steals.

Her contributions have been especially important because of junior center Martha Williams' foul trouble and low offensive output. Head coach Joe McKeown said she has helped fill the void "at times," but for the team to be good, it "needs both players to play well."

"She's getting smarter and learning to read defenses better. She just needs to get through this year and realize it's a learning experience and an opportunity to develop," the coach said.

Her two double-doubles (double figures in points and rebounds) came



Tajama Abraham

against Fairleigh Dickinson University and Oklahoma University in the GW Invitational. She was named to the All-

Tournament team after a career-high 19 points and 14 rebounds in the Fairleigh Dickinson game. She also scored 11 points and 11 rebounds against the Sooners.

"TJ," as she is known on the team, looked both startled and pleased when she heard her name announced as an All-Tournament team member. "I was so surprised," she said after the Oklahoma game. "I mean, you look at the players who you expect to get it and they usually get it... kind of like A-B-C."

As of Dec. 4, Abraham's 2.33 blocks per game were second best in the A-10 and her nine rebounds per game were fifth best. In addition, she was 14th in conference scoring with 14.3 ppg. She hit 16-35 (.457) from the field and 11-17 (.786) from the free throw line.

"She had a great week, and we're really proud of her," McKeown said. "I think it's just a sign of things to come."

Abraham's 19 minutes of play against Georgetown Wednesday resulted in eight rebounds and 10 points.

SPORTS BRIEFS

• Former GW men's basketball player Dirck Surles signed with the Quad City Thunder of the Continental Basketball Association. He saw 19 minutes of play in his debut, making three assists and a three-pointer as a back-up point guard.

Surles holds several GW records, including the fourth all-time leading scorer and all-time three-point leader.

• Junior Colonial guard Omo Moses received the "Grades and Glory" Award for sports-scholars at Washington's National Press Club Nov. 29. Moses has been recognized by *Black Issues in Higher Education* as a minority student-athlete. He has excelled in the classroom and on the court.

• Kenny Meyers recently signed a national letter of intent for the 1994-95 Colonial basketball team. Meyers is a 6-8, 190-pound small forward from The Bethany Christian School in Louisiana. Meyers was named All-State and All-District his senior year. He is now attending The

Winchedon (preparatory) School in Massachusetts.

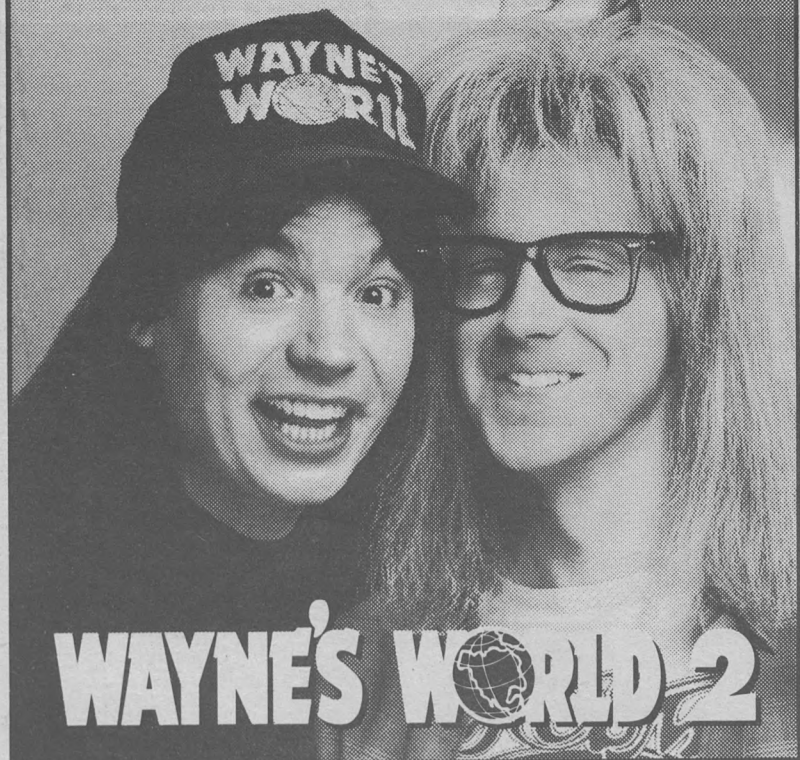
• David Kloes has also signed a national letter of intent for the GW Colonial baseball team for 1994-95. Kloes held a 4-2 with a 2.77 ERA and 22 strikeouts last year at Seneca Valley.

• Colonial soccer forward Derk Droze was selected to the Division I 1993 All-South Atlantic Region NSCAA/UMBRO All-America second team. Droze scored nine goals this past season.

• Nine GW student-athletes were named to the USAir-Atlantic 10 Academic All-Conference team. Cara Eichenlaub, Crissie Snow, Amanda Booras, Amanda Simmons, Seth Morrison, Van Martin, Stacey LaFleur, Alex Murray and Svetlana Vtyurina all received honors.

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Well fans, the "Bowl Coalition" college football top 10 has been finalized, with Nebraska as the No. 1-ranked team. But do they deserve it?

The Cornhuskers head into an Orange Bowl matchup with No. 2 Florida State where they will be underdogs. BIG underdogs.

The absurdity grows when you consider that Nebraska would probably also be an underdog against the No. 3, 4, 6, 8 and 10 teams (West Virginia, Notre Dame, Tennessee, Florida and Miami, respectively). The point is clear: letting Nebraska and Florida State get a clear chance at a title and ignoring all these other teams is just not fair. We need a Division I college football playoff system.

If you've read any sports columns lately, you know what I'm saying is not an original or unique point of view. But I have a personal plan for a system that would work.

First, each team plays only 10 regular season games. No Kickoff Classic, no South Eastern Conference Championship game, just 10 games. Then, a committee much like the basketball tournament's committee chooses the eight best teams. Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend would bring us a quadruple-header of college football playoff quarterfinals. The first Saturday of December would be the semis, and two deserving teams would be left standing to play for an indisputable NCAA football championship. To allow the players a break for finals, and also to keep in touch with the old system, the game could be played in prime-time Jan. 1.

To keep most parties happy, the playoff games could be the former bowl games. For example, the quarterfinal games could be the Gator, Citrus, Cotton and Fiesta Bowls, played in the same stadiums with the same organizers and sponsors.

Of course, the ninth-ranked team would be very unhappy, or the 17th if you went with a four-round, 16-team version. However, that team wouldn't be likely to win the National Championship anyway, so the injustice is much less than what is occurring this year, where an awesome Notre Dame team will not have any chance for a title.

One other concern, as is always the case with the NCAA, is money. This playoff could be a virtual moneymaking machine. Imagine the money a TV network would shell out for the rights to this. Right now, CBS is paying \$1 billion for seven years of the basketball tournament. I'm quite sure the NCAA could get at least that much for football playoffs, culminating in a championship game that would be second only to the Super Bowl in terms of television viewers in this country.

My plan may not be the final answer, but I think it's a good start toward erasing a system that is opposite the way winners are determined in the rest of the sports world. So folks, enjoy your New Year's Day football, but imagine how much better it could be.

-Ben Osborne

Cagers lose Hoya battle, 86-69

by Kynan Kelly
Asst. Sports Editor

The 86-69 loss to Georgetown University looked ominous for the Colonial Women from the outset when their 6-5 center lost the tip to a 5-11 player.



Women's Basketball

Daynia LaForce knocked the tip back from Martha Williams, and the Hoyas jumped out to 5-0 lead by sinking a three-pointer at 19:45 and stealing twice. Two retaliatory baskets by Darlene Saar and one by Debbie Hemery put GW up by a point.

The teams traded three-point bursts to put GW up 9-8 at 16:47, but it was the last time the team would hold the lead. The Hoyas led by as much as 12 in the first half with the help of three of Nadira Ricks' steals and 10 points by Tricia Penderghast.

"We got the tempo and ran with it and scrambled some things," Georgetown head coach Patrick Knapp said.

Georgetown forced eight turnovers in the first six minutes with its pressuring full-court press. GW cut the lead to one with less than four minutes left in the first half on two Hemery free throws, but the Hoyas led 38-35 at halftime.

"I continued to try and stretch the



photo by Ashraf Fahim

Debbie Hemery (#23) prepares to complete a break-away layup.

defense, and we caught them sleeping sometimes," Ricks said.

The second half began with Saar cutting the lead to one again on an easy inside shot assisted by Williams. Georgetown went on an 8-0 run that included one of Ricks' two three-pointers, and the team continued to pull away.

"Our offense was chaotic at times, and we didn't screen or execute," GW head coach Joe McKeown said. "I think anytime the other team shoots 36 free throws it's tough to win."

Lisa Cermignano poured in four three-pointers, and Tajama Abraham worked hard inside in an effort to get back in the game. Although GW came

within 11 points with four minutes to play, the Hoyas managed to widen the gap each time GW got close and at times led by 20 points on their way to the win.

In the 20 years GW has played Georgetown, the Colonial Women won 11 games. Georgetown won the last two.

"It's turned into a hell of a game over the last four years regardless of the score," Knapp said. "Having one or the other team ranked helps, ... but the only rankings that count are the ones at the end of the year."

The women next meet up with Vanderbilt University Dec. 20 for a 7 p.m. home game.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL-GW 69, GU 86

GW	MIN	FG	FT	OT	PF	PTS
SAAR	30	8	0	3-8	4	17
SAWYERS	25	1	0	2-2	1	2
WILLIAMS	13	1	0	1-4	3	2
HEMERY	34	3	4	1-2	4	11
LONERGAN	12	1	3	0-0	4	5
MCOREA	21	1	0	3-5	3	3
NEVILLE	13	0	2	1-2	2	2
PHILLIPS	1	0	0	0-0	0	0
CERMIGNANO	28	6	0	1-3	0	15
ABRAHAM	19	5	0	3-8	4	10
WEIR	4	0	1	0-0	1	1
TOTALS	200	26	10	18-39	26	69

GEORGETOWN	MIN	FG	FT	OT	PF	PTS
PENDERGHAST	35	7	5	2-8	2	20
JACOBSEN	27	3	2	3-8	4	8
LAFORET	23	2	8	2-5	1	12
RICKS	32	7	4	5-7	3	20
HARRAHAN	34	4	2	2-5	2	10
DESHAYES	8	0	0	0-0	0	0
COOKE	21	3	2	3-5	3	8
SACCO	12	1	1	0-1	1	2
MILES	8	1	1	0-1	0	4
TOTALS	200	28	24	21-51	14	42

Colonials thrash 25 records for 2nd A-10 spot

by Christy Andrychowski

Hatchet Sports Writer

The swimming and diving teams crowned 14 conference championships, smashed 25 school records and captured five conference awards over the weekend.

The teams competed in the Atlantic 10 Swimming and Diving Conference Championships at Rutgers University. GW finished second overall.

The Colonial women took third place overall in the championships with 654.50 points. The women's team broke 14 GW records, with two swimmers qualifying for the NCAA I Championships for the first time ever.

Freshman Bambi Bowman took center stage. She set GW, A-10 and pool

SWIMMING & DIVING ALL-TIME TEAM RECORDS

WOMEN:

Robertson - 50 yd Freestyle (24.30)
Bowman - 200 yd Freestyle (1:50.51)
Bowman - 500 yd Freestyle (4:51.57)
Bowman - 1,000 yd Freestyle (10:03.81)
Bowman - 1,650 yd Freestyle (16:43.25)
Robertson - 100 yd Backstroke (58.77)
Ballou - 100 yd Butterfly (57.45)
Ballou - 200 yd Butterfly (2:06.47)
Guveliogliu - 200 yd Indiv. Medley (2:09.51)
200 yd Medley Relay (1:49.46)
400 yd Medley Relay (3:54.13)
200 yd Freestyle Relay (1:38.33)
400 yd Freestyle Relay (3:34.09)
800 yd Freestyle Relay (7:37.62)

MEN:

Scuderi - 50 yd Freestyle (21.09)
Garlick - 200 yd Freestyle (1:39.96)
Senior - 500 yd Freestyle (4:29.94)
Senior - 1,000 yd Freestyle (9:28.83)
Senior - 1,650 yd Freestyle (15:47.87)
Scuderi - 100 yd Backstroke (50.06)
Scuderi - 200 yd Backstroke (1:49.21)
400 yd Medley Relay (3:25.62)
200 yd Freestyle Relay (1:25.02)
400 yd Freestyle Relay (3:06.25)
800 yd Freestyle Relay (6:50.88)

ATLANTIC 10 CONFERENCE AWARDS RECEIVED

Women's Freshman of the Year - Bambi Bowman
Women's Swimmer of the Year - Bambi Bowman
Men's Freshman of the Year - Chad Senior
Men's Diver of the Year - Charles Davis
Women's Coach of the Year - Bob Hassett

records in the 1,650-yard, 500-yard and 200-yard freestyle events. Bowman was also named women's "Freshman of the Year" and women's "Swimmer of the Year."

"We swam really well," Bowman said. "I'm glad to be in the swing of things. I'm close to, if not at, the best times I've ever swam." Bowman qualified for March's NCAA I Championship.

Swimming

Senior Tuba Guveliogliu set two new A-10 records in the breaststroke events. Guveliogliu took first in the 100-yard breaststroke and in the 200-yard breaststroke events. Guveliogliu, Bowman and freshmen Kristen Robertson and Stephanie Ballou set a new GW record and were crowned A-10 champions in the 400-yard medley relay.

Ballou set new school records and took A-10 honors in the 100-yard butterfly and the 200-yard butterfly.

"This year's team has proved to be a step up from my freshman year," junior and NCAA I qualifier Meghan Mitchell said. "This was a really good team meet."

Women's diver Lisa Bassinder took fourth in both the one- and three-meter. "This could have been the best performance of her life," diving coach Andy Sheehy said.

The men finished second with 673 points, 18.5 points short of first place West Virginia. The men broke 11 GW records.

Freshman Chad Senior was named men's "Freshman of the Year." Senior captured new GW records in the 1,000-yard freestyle and in the 1,650-yard freestyle. In the 1,650-yard free-style, Senior also captured an A-10 championship.

Junior Chris Scuderi also set new GW, A-10 and pool records in the 100-yard backstroke. He also captured new GW records in the 50-yard freestyle and 200-yard backstroke events. "We've come a long way in the last three or four years. We're ready to make a move on the national scene," he said.

Charles Davis was named A-10 "Diver of the Year." Davis took first in the one-meter (478.60 points) with a new pool record. Senior Harry Nicholakos took first in the three-meter with a new pool record of 461.20 points.

"Both divers had the performance of their lives," Sheehy said.

Assistant coach John Flanagan said the meet was the most exciting one of his 22-year coaching career. "The positive attitudes and spirits of the team carried over into success," Flanagan said. "We're moving in the direction of elite swimming."

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